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SUBJECT: GODR CONCERN OVER FUTURE OF SUGAR QUOTA

1. ON NOV. 23 FON SEC GOMEZ BERGES CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE TO EXPRESS OFFICIAL GODR CONCERN OVER PRESS REPORTS THAT US MAY BE CONTEMPLATING ABANDONING SUGAR QUOTA SYSTEM. AFTER UNDERTAKING TO CONVEY HIS GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS, I EXPLAINED THAT PRESS ARTICLE REFERRED TO A STUDY WITHIN THE DEPT OF AGRICULTURE EXAMINING VARIOUS OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR GOVERNING FUTURE SUGAR IMPORTS UPON EXPIRATION OF EXISTING LEGISLATION. THE STUDY WAS JUST THAT AND DID NOT REFLECT ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY, I CONTINUED. I OBSERVED THAT THE LOCAL PRESS HAD ALSO CARRIED CONGRESSMAN POAGE'S REPORTED OPPOSITION TO ABANDONING THE SUGAR QUOTAS, OPPOSITION THAT WOULD CARRY CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT IN DELIBERATIONS OVER FUTURE SUGAR IMPORTS. THE FONSEC APPEARED RELIEVED TO LEARN THAT NO FINAL DECISION HAD YET BEEN TAKEN BY USG AND THAT THERE WAS SOME POSSIBILITY THAT THE QUOTA SYSTEM MIGHT BE RETAINED.

2. COMMENT: THE DEPT IS AWARE OF THE HIGH DEGREE OF DR DEPENDENCE ON SUGAR AND THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO THE STABILITY THAT THE QUOTA SYSTEM PROVIDES IT FOR PRODUCTION AND MARKETING PURPOSES. ALTHOUGH THE DR WILL LOSE AN ESTIMATED FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR BY SUPPLYING THE US MARKET RATHER THAN SELLING ON THE WORLD MARKET, GOVERNMENT SUGAR POLICY IS NEVERTHELESS DEVOTED

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TO DEMONSTRATING TO THE US THAT THE DR IS A RELIABLE SUPPLIER

WITHIN THE QUOTA SYSTEM. WE SHALL APPRECIATE CONTINUING TO BE
KEPT INFORMED OF US POLICY TOWARD FUTURE SUGAR IMPORTS
AS IT EVOLVES.
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